REPORT TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE – 13 February 2006

REPORT ON: RELIEF OF RATES - CHARITY RELIEF

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FINANCE)

REPORT NO: 131 - 2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from the Committee to grant Charity Relief on Non-Domestic properties in respect of the applications attached.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council agrees to grant Remission of Rates as detailed on the attached report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Council directly incurs the cost of 25% of the amount granted as Discretionary Relief apart from that which is granted to Sports Clubs which is 100% funded from the Non-Domestic Rates pool.

4.0 AGENDA 21

Rates Remission assists in targeting resources to provide services to people likely to be in need.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6.0 MAIN TEXT

The Council agreed to accept Report 149/1996 in respect of the granting of Charity Relief on Non-Domestic property. The Council also agreed to accept report 117/2004 which amended the policy with regard to sports clubs. This report makes recommendations based on the Council's agreed policy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

Date: 27 January 2006

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF RATES

APPLICANT	SUBJECTS	UNIFIED BUSINESS RATE PAYABLE £	REMARKS	RECOMMENDATION	ANNUAL COST TO COUNCIL £
University of Dundee	Warehouse 50 West Henderson's Wynd Dundee DD1 5BT	15,030.55 (01.08.05-31.03.06)	Higher Education, teaching and research. Premises to be used as a book depository, materials store and workshop.	Recommendation to grant 80% Mandatory Relief.	0.00
University of Dundee	Car Park Anchor Lane Dundee DD1 5BX	3,897.79 (01.08.05-31.03.06)	Parking for staff and University vehicles.	Recommendation to refuse relief as car park mainly used by staff.	
Positive Steps Partnership	Office Mathew Court Units 1 & 5 Milne's East Wynd Dundee DD1 5BA	518.34 (31.08.05-31.03.06)	To advance education, promote health and relieve poverty. Premises to be used for providing art classes for service users.	Recommendation to Grant 80% Mandatory Relief and 20% Discretionary Relief	25.92